

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 5-13. Please amend the claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 as follows (see the accompanying "marked up" version pursuant to 1.121):

C<sup>1</sup> 3. (Amended) A method of inducing cellular extensions, which method comprises contacting cells with a human Neural Plakophilin Related Armadillo Protein (hNPRAP) in an amount effective to cause cellular extensions, wherein the hNPRAP comprises an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:4.

C<sup>2</sup> 4. (Amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein the contacting results in neuronal regeneration.

Please add the following new claims:

C<sup>3</sup> 14. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the cells are nerve cells.

15. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the cellular extensions terminate upon distantly located cells.